

NICHOLS HILLS

united methodist church



Dr. Trevor Smith

Less Is More

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” -Luke 12:13-15

In *A Christian View of Money: Celebrating God’s Generosity*,

Mark Vincent writes, “Money has a godlike power. I think about it a lot. How and when I might get more of it. What I will do with it once I get it. How much of it I want to share. How much I want to keep for myself. What I would do with it if I suddenly came into a large amount. Money consumes my waking moments and shows up in my dreams. Even when I do not think about currency, credit cards, checking accounts, or investments, I wonder about good prices on automobiles, clothing, and generic medications should one of my children get an ear infection. I try to keep my taxes down, improve energy-saving measures in my home, and seek a cost-effective way to travel from point A to point B. In North America, where being a consumer is considered a birthright, money’s hold is so powerful that one-third of all adults say financial worries prevent them from sleeping or relaxing.”

What about you? Do your finances bring you fear or freedom?

When someone asked Jesus to settle a financial dispute with his brother, Jesus turned to the crowd and said, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” It seems that Jesus didn’t agree with Gordon Gekko who said, “The point is, ladies and gentleman, that greed, for lack of a better word, is good. Greed is right, greed works. Greed clarifies, cuts through, and captures the essence of the evolutionary spirit. Greed, in all of its forms; greed for life, for money, for love, knowledge has marked the upward surge of mankind.” No. Jesus warns us to put up our guard against all kinds of greed. Why? Because the purpose of your life is not simply to accumulate a bunch of stuff. The life Jesus intends for you is much richer than that. In fact, Jesus wants us to learn the valuable lesson that so often in life, less is more.

I want to invite you to worship with us in person or online as we begin a new sermon series called **Making Change**. Our messages over the next four Sundays will help you think about your relationship with money in the context of your relationship with God. It’s my hope that this series will help your faith in God grow as we as we explore Biblical concepts for **Making Change** in ways that will bless you and honor God.

I also want to invite you to join us for our Church Picnic on Sunday, October 25 at 5:00 p.m. We will have games and crafts for children and great music from our praise band. Bring your own picnic meal, and join us for a fun evening of food and fellowship.

Have a great week, and I will see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Trevor

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, October 25

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.
Church Picnic at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, October 26

Women’s A.A. Group at 5:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27

Church Council and Charge Conference at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28

Nichols Thrills at 6:00 p.m.
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

All Saints Sunday, November 1

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Monday, November 2

Women’s A.A. Group at 5:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4

Nichols Thrills at 6:00 p.m.
Praise Band Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 8

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Girl Scouts at 1:30 p.m.

Consecration Sunday, November 15

In Person and Online Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.
Harvest Dinner at 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

The Learning Center

Monday, Wednesday 9:00-2:30
Tuesday, Thursday 9:00-4:00
Friday 9:00-1:59
(405)842-5325



Chancel Flowers

October 25: The chancel flowers are given by General Bill Bowden in honor of Mary Bowden Montgomery, his 1st cousin from St. Louis, MO.

November 1: The chancel flowers are given by Rob Sandlin in memory of his mother, Polly Ishmael Sandlin.

Mission Candle

October 25: The mission candle is lit by Jim and Becky Buchanan in memory of Alan Chase, devoted disciple of Christ.

November 1: The mission candle is given by General Bill Bowden in honor of Harriet Isobel Denious, grand niece of Denver, CO.

Acolytes

October 25: Louis Fraley, Gabriel Ireland, Avery Smith, and Lucy Ann Sylvester

November 1: Gabriel Ireland, Avery Smith, and Lucy Ann Sylvester

Tithes and Offerings

Your gifts and tithes make a Christian difference and help us share the ministry of Jesus Christ with people in our church and in our community.

Checks may be mailed to
1212 Bedford Drive,
Nichols Hills, OK 73116.

To make an online donation,
visit www.nicholshillsumc.org.

To set up an electronic funds transfer
contact the Church Office.

Thank you for your generosity and
faithfulness.

Worship Online

Join us online for worship! You can view our livestream at 8:30 or 10:50 a.m. on Sundays on our Facebook page, [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://www.facebook.com/nicholshillsumc). You can also view the worship service throughout the week. Please send us a message on Facebook to let us know you are participating. We will also post the



Join us for Nichols Thrills
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Making Change



Less Is More



Stress Is Bad



Giving Is Good



Tomorrow Matters

Making Change

Do your finances bring you fear or freedom? Whether you're worried about today or planning for tomorrow, now is the time to build a future that endures. Investing in a brighter tomorrow starts by **Making Change** today. Join us as we explore Biblical concepts for **Making Change** in ways that will bless you and honor God.

October 25 *Less Is More*

November 1 *Stress Is Bad*

November 8 *Giving Is Good*

November 15 *Tomorrow Matters*

Online Worship: [facebook.com/nicholshillsumc](https://www.facebook.com/nicholshillsumc)

Fall Church Picnic

Join us for our Fall Church Picnic on Sunday, October 25 at 5:00 p.m. We will gather outside on the South side of the parking lot. Bring your own picnic meal, and join us for a fun evening of food and fellowship.



All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 1 we will observe All Saints Sunday by remembering people in our church who have passed away by lighting a candle in their memory. We will also remember family and friends of the people in our church who have passed away. If you would like us to remember a loved one in this way, please fill out the following information and email it to Delaney at dsheffield@nicholshillsumc.org or return it to the church office by Monday, October 26.

Person to be remembered: _____

Your name: _____

Relationship of the person to you: _____

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

At Nichols Hills United Methodist Church we approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective. We do not view the money people give to our church merely as a way to pay the bills. Rather, we believe that how we handle money is a spiritual issue and that it is important to talk about how the wisdom we find in the Bible teaches us to use our money in a way that is pleasing to God. We find that one of the best ways to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God is by helping them to grow in generosity by supporting our church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes. Beginning on Sunday, October 25, our senior pastor, Dr. Trevor Smith, will preach a sermon series called ***Making Change*** that will focus on Biblical concepts for **Making Change** in ways that will bless you and honor God.

Throughout these four Sundays we will focus on our relationship with God and how God's generosity to us calls us to respond by living a life of generosity. We'll let the Bible speak to us about the role of money and resources in our lives and talk about the blessings of living a generous life. We will turn to the teachings of Jesus to help you more clearly understand what it means to earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can. You will have the opportunity to prayerfully ask God, **"What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"**

Consecration Sunday will be on **November 15**. During our morning worship services at 8:30 and 10:50 on Consecration Sunday, we are asking the people in our church to make their financial commitments to our church's missional, benevolent, and spiritual growth ministries in our community and around the world. Every person who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* will do so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. However we encourage people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure will be done as an act of worship in such a way that no one will feel personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. We are delighted to have our senior pastor, Dr. Trevor Smith, serve as our Consecration Sunday preacher this year. During morning worship, Trevor will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration in which we will each make our commitments as a confidential act of worship. We will be sharing more information about Consecration Sunday with you in the coming weeks. This year you will be able to participate in our Harvest Dinner by dining in our Fellowship Hall or picking up a take-out order. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform and inspire in our hope that everyone will commit to participate in Consecration Sunday through in person or online worship and our Harvest Dinner at 11:00 a.m. and noon on November 15. Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Henry
Chairperson of the Church Council

Children's Ministry



Tausha
Davison-Beverly
Children's
Ministry Director

We have a new face in our children's ministry. I would like to introduce Ms. Patricia Harris. Patricia has worked with children and taught Sunday school for many years. She enjoys working with all ages, although she has a passion for teaching and guiding toddlers and two-year olds. Patricia also works with the younger children at our church in The Learning Center. Her ability to understand how young minds think and grow while teaching them to love God has been a wonderful asset to our ministry. Please stop by on your way to worship and welcome her to our church.



Ms. Patricia Harris

Blessings,
Tausha

Youth Ministry



Hunter Patman
Fountain,
Youth Director

Hello church! During the end of October, we have many things going on at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church. I hope you are planning to attend our Church Picnic on Sunday, October 25 at 5:00 p.m. Bring your own picnic meal and join us near the tennis court south of our parking lot. I am extremely excited for this chance to get to see each and every one of you. Have a blessed week!

-Hunter



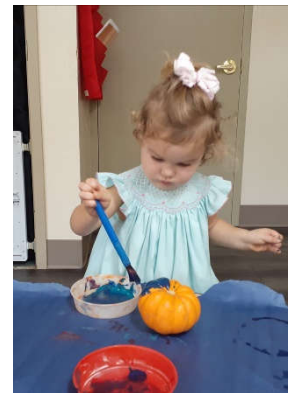
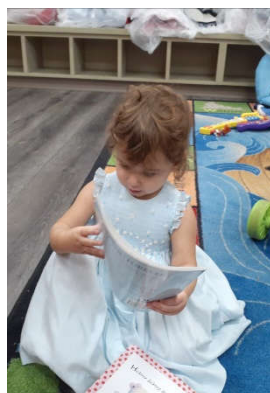
Tidbits from The Learning Center



Denise Buthion,
T.L.C. Director

Fall is here... cool mornings, evenings, and hot days. How is a child to dress? We encourage children to wear layers with sweaters that can come off for the day. Playing comfortably is an important part of coming to school. We want our children to enjoy the sensory table—making mud pies, the water table—pouring and emptying pitchers, and painting pumpkins any way they like. Good learning is often messy. Maria Montessori said, "You must have it in your hand before it can go to your head." Many of the life lessons we all learn come from getting it wrong or getting messy. Enjoy our photos of children learning in the best way possible: hands on and messy.

-Denise





Consecration Sunday and Harvest Dinner

Consecration Sunday will be on November 15. We hope you will plan to join us for worship in person or online at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

That day we will also enjoy our Harvest Dinner, which will be a free catered dinner. This is one of the ways we express our gratitude to you for all the ways you give and serve in our church. If you attend the 8:30 service, we invite you to attend a Sunday school class at 9:45 and then enjoy the Harvest Dinner at 11:00 a.m. If you attend our 10:50 worship service, we invite you to enjoy the Harvest Dinner at Noon.

This year you will be able to participate in our Harvest Dinner by dining in our Fellowship Hall or picking up a takeout order. We will be taking reservations in worship the next three Sundays, or you can make your reservation by emailing Delaney at dsheffield@nicholshillsumc.org.

Harvest Dinner Reservation Card

I (we) will attend online or in person worship and the Harvest Dinner on Sunday, November 15.

_____ Yes _____ No

Number of Adult Dinners _____

Number of Child Dinners _____

Harvest Dinner Time: **11:00 a.m.** or **Noon** (*Circle One*)

Dine In or **Takeout** (*Circle One*)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Birthdays

10/22 Chris Kauffman
 10/22 Sylvia Miller
 10/24 Tim Sanders
 10/25 Margaux Lavenue
 10/25 Ashton Niemann
 10/26 James Tirrell
 10/27 Suzanne Lavenue
 10/27 Regan Miller
 10/29 David Mueller
 10/30 Kay Goebel
 11/01 Larry Ottaway
 11/03 Beau Butler
 11/03 Peter Rosier
 11/04 General Bill Bowden
 11/05 Joni Flesher
 11/05 Bennett Murray
 11/06 Linda Lyle
 11/06 Kathy Walker
 11/09 Tim Baker
 11/09 Lew McGinnis
 11/09 Karen McLain
 11/11 Mary Ann Sanders
 11/12 Mary Bentley
 11/12 Martin Howell
 11/13 Katherine Buxton
 11/14 Jack Love
 11/14 Mary Kate Magness
 11/15 Ryan Sandfort
 11/17 Ian Heflin
 11/17 Susan Morrison-Dyke
 11/18 John Heflin
 11/19 Frances Thompson
 11/20 Frank Miskovsky, III
 11/21 Win Holbrook
 11/21 Angie Sanger
 11/25 Gabriel Ireland
 11/28 Rich McLain
 11/28 Alfred Walker
 11/29 Michael Hall
 11/30 Mark Sullivan
 11/30 Perry Tirrell

Cares and Concerns

Epworth Villa

Sylvia Miller

Town Village

Bette Harris

The Fountains at Canterbury

Anita Dahlgren

StoneCreek

Ray and Lynn Greene

At Home

Roger Etling, Frances Lewis,

David Mueller

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Sunday School Classes - Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

The Brew Class: *Meets in Room 131* - Bring your coffee and join "The Brew" as we gather for fellowship and an in depth study of the *Letter to the Romans*. For more information about "The Brew" contact Tim Baker (405) 209-5467 or Christie Baker (405) 922-5154.

KIVA Class: *Meets in the Parlor* - Join us as we learn from speakers on various topics. Leaders: Dennis and Delores Bradford.

Reveille Class: *Meets in the Library* - Do you like to see how your faith impacts your everyday life? Join us for a discussion of how the Bible speaks to the current events in our lives. Teacher: Tom Fraley.

Open Circle Class: *Meets in the Archives Room* - Join us as we gather for fellowship and a meaningful study. Our Circle is always Open.

Youth Class: *Meets in the Youth Basement* - Join us for fun, fellowship, and a lesson that will bring you closer to God.

First Graders through Fifth Graders: *Meets in Room 124*. Join us for a fun time with your friends as we grow closer to God and each other. Director of Children's Ministry: Tausha Davison-Beverly.

Children's Class: *Meets in the Children's Area*. - Join us for a child-friendly lesson, snacks, and crafts as we learn about the Bible together.

Dr. Trevor Smith, Senior Pastor

Michael Wylder, Director of Church Music

Delaney Sheffield, Director of Communications

Tausha Davison-Beverly, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Hunter Patman Fountain, Director of Youth Ministry

Dr. Antone Godding, Organist

Kathy Smith, Treasurer

Louise Glass, Financial Secretary

Denise Buthion, Director of The Learning Center

Brandon Price, Custodian

Alfred Walker, Sunday Host

Jeremy Gossett, Audio Visual Team Leader

Dustin Davis, Sunday Host and Audio Visual Tech

John Naeher III, Audio Visual Tech

Julie Keller, Nursery Attendant

Patricia Harris, Nursery Attendant